



**3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING  
MANUFACTURING SUBGROUP**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
1:30 PM**

**MEADWESTVACO  
9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
501 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219**

**Subgroup Members Present:**

John Luke  
Bengt Lundgren  
Brett Vassey

**Subgroup Members Absent:**

Tom Godfrey  
Don Banker

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**I. Call to Order**

John Luke, Chair, called to order the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Manufacturing Subgroup at 1:30 PM on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at the MeadWestvaco building in Richmond, VA.

**II. Introductions**

Introductions were made. A quorum was present

**III. Minutes**

Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

**IV. Presentations**

Bob Leber, Governor's Advisor for Workforce Development and Chair of the Jobs Commission's Workforce Developments subgroup, spoke on Workforce Development as it relates to manufacturing. He spoke on the work of his subgroup as well as his past work in the workforce development area.

Rick Weeks with the Department of Environment Quality spoke to the group next on the permitting process. Most DEQ programs are federally mandated, so not much flexibility, but there is some ability to give priority to prospects. Agency recognizes the benefit of focusing on economic development and getting involved early so needs and priorities are understood. Focused the application process, which expedites the processing in-house as well.

Jim Regimbal, who represents VML and VACO, spoke to the group last. Local government expenditures are mostly spent in education. State funding has dropped in education, and the stimulus will run out soon as well. Half of local funding comes from personal real estate tax. BPOL and Machinery & Tools tax make up 5% of local revenue (\$900M). Some localities have over 20% of their funding coming from BPOL and Machinery & Tools taxes. Tax changes need to be thought out on a broad basis and in a holistic manner.

**V. Discussion of Initial Recommendations**

The group focused on 4 different categories: economic development, workforce development, tax reform, environment and regulatory reform. The group discussed their recommendations and which category they fell under, as well as which strategies were long and short term.

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29PM.